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FOR LEE MARKS, DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE

REF: MARKS-STYLES TELECON

1. DEPT RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT AGREED MINUTE OF MEETING OF
LEGAL EXPERTS LAST WEEK BECAUSE FRENCH VERSIONS EITHER ARE
OR COULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO US POSITION AND TECTICAL POSTURE.
THIS IS TRUE EVEN OF VERSION MENTIONED IN REFTELECON
BECAUSE IT IMPLIES THAT "WHAT COURSE TO FOLLOW" IS SUBJECT
TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS.

2. CLEARLY, WE DO NOT WANT ANY LANGUAGE WHICH IMPLIES THAT
TALKS HAVE NOT ENDED, THAT CONSULTATION REMEDIES ARE NOT
EXHAUSTED OR THAT SOMETHING MORE MUST HAPPEN (BY AGREEMENT
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OR UNILATERALLY) BEFORE USG CAN TAKE PART 213 ACTION. WE
WOULD PREFER LANGUAGE WHICH STATES UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT CON-
SULTATIVE PROCESS HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED. SINCE FRENCH WILL
PRESUMABLY NOT AGREE TO THIS APPROACH AND WE WON'T AGREE TO
THEIR APPROACH, IT IS OF LIMITED UTILITY TO PURSUE MATTER
FURTHER.

3. IF YOU NEVERTHELESS BELIEVE THAT FRENCH WILL SOMEHOW
BE MOLLIFIED IF AGREED MINUTE IS SIGNED, YOU MAY SIGN ONE

TAILORED ON JUNE 2 DRAFT WITH STATEMENTS OF POSITION
DELETED AND FOLLOWING SUGGESTED LANGUAGE SUBSTITUTED FOR
LAST PARA: "AFTER TWO DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS AMONG LEGAL
EXPERTS, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE PARTIES' DIFFERENCES OF
VIEW REMAIN UNRESOLVED, AS WAS THE CASE FOLLOWING PREVIOUS
CONSULTATIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN POLICY
OFFICERS." THIS VERSION IS FACTUALLY CORRECT AND NEUTRAL.
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